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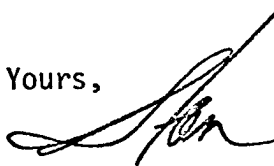
Dear Jack,

As 1978 draws to a close, I look back on all of the experiences we have shared together--starting with you as Deputy, working through your Civil Service Award, and closing with you on the verge of retirement. I can only attempt to express my sense of gratitude for your support throughout this year, not only in the official aspects, but in your forthright counsel and advice. Having the benefit of your broad perspective on the Agency has been a pillar of strength to me from the beginning. I will miss it more than I can imagine or say.

Let me say that as you and Fran welcome in 1979, Pat and I wish you great happiness in the New Year. Though we are saddened that our contact will not be as close in 1979, we are grateful beyond measure for your friendship and support over these past two years and look forward to staying in touch for a long time to come.

Thanks.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Stansfield Turner', with a stylized, flowing script.

STANSFIELD TURNER

Mr. John F. Blake
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